

With the House set to consider Pentagon legislation this week, Chief Deputy Whip Peter Welch (D-Vt.) and Chairman of the Oversight and Government Reform Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) are offering an amendment to continue their bipartisan push to end the war in Afghanistan.

Welch and Chaffetz will offer their amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 1540), set to come to the floor this week. The amendment would end the war in Afghanistan by requiring the withdrawal of US ground troops, authorizing the continued presence of only those forces directly involved in counter-terrorism operations. The Secretary of Defense would be required to submit a withdrawal plan to Congress within 60 days of enactment

"It is long past time to bring the war in Afghanistan to an end. After ten costly years, it is crystal clear that the US strategy of nation building in a corrupt country with a minimal al Qaeda presence is not working. Terrorism is a decentralized threat to America's national security and our counter-terrorism strategies should reflect that reality," Welch and Chaffetz said. "The surgical mission that located and killed Osama bin Laden should be the model for America's anti-terrorism policy worldwide."

In the weeks following the killing of Osama bin Laden, Welch and Chaffetz have been leading a bipartisan effort to end the war in Afghanistan and recalibrate America's anti-terrorism policy. The two recently spearheaded [a bipartisan letter to President Obama urging such](#) .

